

## **This year's Library Foundation Gala was an enormous success, raising net proceeds over \$25,000!**

These funds will go to the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library to support the purchase of new materials for the collection, including books, e-books, DVDs, and other materials for patrons to enjoy, as well as to sponsor computer Internet access and exciting and diverse programs, speakers and activities for library users of all ages.



The Gala was held on Thursday, May 19 at Luminarias restaurant. More than 350 people attended. Table sponsors and donors, including businesses, organizations and individuals, were extremely generous, sponsoring tables for \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 as well as \$650.

Sponsors included:

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Wong Tai Sen Center  
Winston Wu  
Janet Yu and Maria Elena Yepes



Attendees also generously supported the raffle, raising over \$1,600 for that alone.

The Library Foundation honored John Scudder and the Scudder Foundation for their continuing generosity towards the library as well as Nancy Ishino-Gilmore and Winston Wu for their outstanding volunteer work in literacy and youth education. In their comments, Nancy and Winston were humble and gracious in acknowledging the honor and pledged to continue to work with and support the library.



Attendees included U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu, who surprised current Monterey Park Mayor and former Library Foundation President Peter Chan with recognition for his years of service to the library. Mike Eng, Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees Vice President served once again as a lively and entertaining Master of Ceremonies.



Other notable attendees included City Council members Mitchell Ing, Teresa Real Sebastian, Stephen Lam and Hans Liang; City Treasurer Joseph Leon; City Clerk Vincent Chang; City Manager Paul Talbot; Assistant City Manager and Public Works Director Ron Bow; Police Chief Jim Smith; Human Resources Director Tom Cody; Recreation and Community Services Director Dan Costley; Fire Chief Scott Haberle and Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang;

Library Board of Trustees members Janet Yu, Maria Elena Yepes, David Barron, Kathryn Foster and Betty Morin; Friends of the Library members Nancy Ishino-Gilmore, Lilian Kawaratani, Ellen Johannsen and Rosalie Toltzman; and a host of other influential and prominent citizens. Library staff who attended included City Librarian Norma Arvizu, Reference Senior Librarian Cindy Costales, Technical Services Senior Librarian Evena Shu, Children's Senior Librarian Diana Garcia, LAMP Senior Library Clerk José Garcia, Circulation Library Clerk Mona Ying and Administrative Secretary Gwen Kishida.



Many thanks to the members of the Library Foundation who promoted the Gala, solicited sponsors, donors and raffle prizes, supported the event with their own sponsorship and donations and devoted countless hours to create such a memorable event: Foundation President Bob Gin, Vice-President (and event chair) Theresa Amador, Treasurer Richard Gorman, Secretary Dolores Rillos and members Peter Chan, Alicia Martinez and Gloria Guerrero.

